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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Overlap by ORR on OIR Responsibility for Research  
on Soviet Education

1. Investigation confirms suspicion that the project you questioned (RR PR-16) should not have been undertaken. See attached memorandum on State Department work in this field.

2. As you will note from Project Initiation Memorandum attached, this work was laid on nearly a year ago as part of our original Task Force assignment. Under current procedures there is no danger of a repetition of this misdirection of effort.

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Enclosures

State Department review completed

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STATE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

IN THE FIELD OF SOVIET EDUCATION

1. Responsible Components in OIR, State Department

a. State responsibility for intelligence research in Soviet education rests with the Internal USSR Branch, Division for Research on USSR and Eastern Europe (DRS). The work of the Branch, occupying one analyst less than full time, is concerned mainly with the political implications of educational developments in the Orbit. Mr. Prokofieff, Chief of the Internal USSR Branch, stated that given further professional resources he would analyze the content of education in the USSR for a better understanding of the conceptual frame of reference of the average Soviet citizen.

b. A second Branch in DRS, the Social Research Branch for the Orbit, covers such topics as education, standard of living, population, statistics, wages, and working conditions, entirely from the standpoint of developing U.S. "propaganda" for Orbit consumption.

2. State Department Projects and Articles on Soviet Education

a. Current Projects on Soviet Education

Revision of NIS-26, USSR, Section 43, "Religion, Education, and Public Information."

b. Projects Completed Since 1946 on Soviet Education

- (1) "Soviet Scientific Training," DRS-IP-15, May 16, 1951
- (2) "Communist Offenses Against the Integrity of Education, Science, and Culture," CJ-5.9, March 30, 1951
- (3) "Soviet Wartime Measures Concerning Students in Technical and Higher Educational Institutions," DRE-IP-EER-84, September 25, 1950
- (4) "Soviet Data on General and Technical Education, 1943-49 School Year Compared with Prewar Statistics," DRE Information Note - EER-56, August 9, 1949
- (5) Preparation of NIS-26, USSR, Section 43, "Religion, Education, and Public Information," 1949
- (6) "Changes in Soviet Secondary School History Texts," DRE-IN-#198.2, May 28, 1948

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- (7) "Certain Statistical Information on Education in the USSR," DRE-IN-92, October 2, 1947
- (8) "Educational Levels in the USSR," DRE-IN-68, July 11, 1947
- (9) "Political and Social Implications of Recent Trends in Education in the USSR," Project #3079, February 26, 1946

c. Articles on Soviet Education appearing in Soviet Affairs

- (1) "Soviet School Enrollment Approaches Prewar Level," OIR-4800.31, July 1951 (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  pages)
- (2) "Politburo Reluctant to End Segregation in Schools," October 1950 (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  pages)
- (3) "One in Twenty-Five Gets Ten Years of Soviet Education," DRE Divisional Reports EER-85, July 24, 1950 (4 pages)
- (4) "Education in USSR Continues to Lag," OIR-4800.10, September 1949 (1 page)
- (5) "Four Years of Education the Maximum for Most Soviet Students," OIR-4473.9, May 15, 1948 (1 page)
- (6) "Soviet Education Lagging," OIR-4473.7, March 15, 1948 (1 ~~7~~ page)
- (7) "State Changes in Justice, Education, and Arts," OIR-4473.6, February 1, 1948 (1 page)
- (8) "Conservative Trends in Soviet Education," OIR-4473.3, November 1, 1947
- (9) "Proposed New Laws on Education and the Recall of Deputies," OIR-4473.2, September 1, 1947

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TO : Mr. Amory

DATE: 13 May 1952

FROM : 

SUBJECT: State Department Research on Soviet Education

1. Attached is a statement of work done by State in this field since 1946.

2. Also attached is the Project Initiation Memorandum for CIA/RR PR-16. It confirms that the project was not sharply focused on the economic aspects of education.

3. The basic intelligence study on Soviet Education is Section 43 of NIS-26 (attached for your interest). ORR's PR-16 overlaps the NIS work. Section 43 is currently being revised by State with funds provided by ORR.

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Project 9-51

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND REPORTS

Project Initiation Memorandum

9 August 1951

Approved by:  
Project Initiation Board  
5 July 1951

To: D/S

From: D/R

Subject: Analysis of Education in the USSR

Statement of Project

Origin: D/S

Responsible Division: D/S

Responsible Branch: B/L

Analyst in Charge:

Problem: To analyze for each level of education in the USSR the goals of the Soviet educators and their success in attaining these goals.

Scope: This paper will describe the size of the task, historical development of the system, general goals, the graded schools, vocational education, and the higher and technical schools. The facts produced will be primarily quantitative in nature but such information as to quality as is available will be canvassed.

Internal CIA Contributions or Coordination: OSI - with regard to scientific and technical education within the USSR.

Estimated Completion Date (Draft): Open

Form of Publication and Distribution: To be determined in consultation with D/R

Classification: As required

Progress Reports: The 25th of each month in regular report to AD/RR. Inventory of all research projects, 1 November 1951.

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Outline: Draft outline to be discussed with D/R and other divisions concerned. Agreed outline to be distributed by D/R.

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